PATENT APPLICATION

fully submitted,

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In re Application of:

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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES SPECIFIC FOR BACTERIAL ANTIGENS AND USES THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of five months, extending the time for responding after the filing of a Notice of Appeal November 21, 2001, from January 21, 2002, to on or before June 21, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee of \$980.00 $^{1/}$ is attached. Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration file November 1, 1999.